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No U.K. Winner, Exit Polls Show Tories Appear in the Lead, But Without New Majority

Compiled by Our Staff from Dispatches
LONDON—British voters declined on Thursday to give either the Conservative government or the left-of-center Labor Party an overall majority in parliamentary elections, according to television exit polls.

If neither party wins an overall majority of at least 326 seats in the 651-seat House of Commons, the result would be a hung Parliament. The BBC said that allowing for the margin of error in its exit poll, it was difficult to say whether the Conservatives or Labor would finish with the largest number of seats. But it said the Conservatives appeared to have the best chance of being the largest party in the Commons.

Independent Television News projected the Conservatives, led by Prime Minister John Major, winning 305 seats, 21 short of a majority. It projected Labor, led by Neil Kinnock, with 294 seats, and the third-party Liberal Democrats with 25 seats.

The Conservatives had held a majority of almost 100 seats in the old Parliament. Exit polls were announced just after voting ended. The official result will not be clear until sometime Friday in what may be the closest British election since World War II. The BBC said its exit poll projected that the Conservatives would win 301 seats in Commons. The BBC projected 298 seats for Labor and 24 for the Liberal Democrats.

Nick Moon, director of political research for the BBC poll, said that projection could be wrong by as many as 15 seats either way. Two newspaper polls put Labor ahead of the Conservatives, although both polls still showed a hung Parliament. An exit poll of 25,300 voters for the Sun newspaper showed Labor winning 307 seats, the Conservatives 302, and the Liberal Democrats 18. The Sun



Prime Minister John Major waving to supporters with his wife, Norma, after they voted in Hemlington in the British election on Tuesday.

Ukraine and Russia Agree to Talk on Fleet

By Michael Dobbs
 Washington Post Service
SEVASTOPOL, Ukraine—Ukraine and Russia stepped back from a major political and territorial confrontation Thursday by agreeing to suspend their unilateral moves on the disputed Black Sea Fleet and to begin negotiations on dividing it up.

The agreement, reached in telephone calls between President Leonid M. Kravchuk of Ukraine and the Russian president, Boris N. Yeltsin, comes after two days of mounting tension in this Crimean Peninsula port that serves as the fleet's home.

Reports that militia groups were on their way from Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, to take over naval installations here had led fleet commanders to send military police supported by armored personnel carriers into the streets of Sevastopol.

Earlier, some naval units had begun to carry out Mr. Yeltsin's order to raise the czarist flag of St. Andrew, recently adopted by Russian naval forces. Mr. Yeltsin issued his order Tuesday in response to a decree by Mr. Kravchuk announcing the formation of a Ukrainian Navy based in the Crimea, a Russian-populated area that was ceded to Ukraine by Moscow in 1954 for largely administrative reasons.

"If we look at this in formal terms, Yeltsin's decree puts Ukraine in a state of war with Russia," said Dmitry Pavlichko, a member of the high-level Ukrainian delegation sent to Sevastopol to take over the fleet. "The fleet is Ukrainian property," he said.

Mr. Pavlichko said that at one point on Wednesday Ukrainian leaders threatened to pull out of the Commonwealth of Independent States if Moscow went to war with Ukraine.

Miami Jurors Find Noriega Guilty on 8 Of 10 Charges

Bush Hails Conviction, Calling It 'Major Victory Against the Drug Lords'
 Compiled by Our Staff from Dispatches
MIAMI—Manuel Antonio Noriega was convicted on 8 of 10 drug and racketeering charges Thursday, two years after he gave himself up to U.S. military authorities in Panama.

The former Panamanian leader was found guilty of two major counts of racketeering and racketeering conspiracy and of six lesser charges. The eight counts carry a maximum sentence of 120 years; sentencing was set for July 10. He was acquitted of two lesser charges, cocaine distribution and conspiracy to import cocaine.

The defense said it would appeal. President George Bush called the conviction "a major victory against the drug lords." "I hope it sends a lesson to drug lords here and around the world they will pay a price if they continue to poison the lives of our kids in this country or anywhere else," Mr. Bush said at a Washington meeting with President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro of Nicaragua.

Mr. Noriega's attorney, Frank Rubino, said in a bitter statement that an appeal would be based on issues including the former leader's prisoner-of-war status and the invasion of Panama. He said the U.S. government, "in its self-appointed role as world policeman," had itself fit "to invade a foreign country and seize its leader."

"This, in our opinion, is the modern-day version of the Crusades, that the United States will now trample across the entire world, imposing its will upon so-called independent, sovereign nations. Unless the foreign governments are willing to kneel once a day and face Washington and give grace to George Bush, they, too, may be in the same posture as General Noriega."

There was no visible reaction from Mr. Noriega or the jurors as the verdicts were read. In the row behind the defense, two of Mr. Noriega's daughters wept while his wife, Felicidad, stared forward without expression.

His trial was the first of a foreign head of state in a U.S. courtroom. It lasted seven months, during which the government painstakingly built its case against a deposed leader whom it called "a small man in a general's uniform" and "just another crooked cop."

The verdict came after nearly 36 hours of deliberation over five days, and just one day after jurors told the court they were deadlocked.

Clinton Will Look Better Against Bush, Aides Say

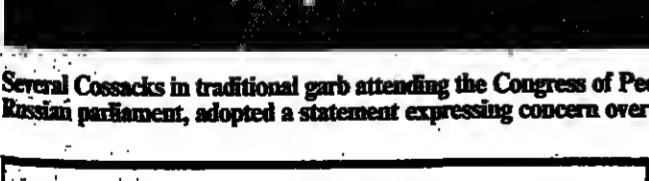
By E. J. Dionne Jr.
 Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON—Bill Clinton's advisers, grappling with what they acknowledge are serious voter doubts about their candidate's character, believe that they found a clue to solving it amid the chaotic and generally unedifying New York primary campaign.

For one day, said Stanley Greenberg, Mr. Clinton's pollster, the Arkansas governor managed to rise above the charges and countercharges. It was the day he gave a major foreign policy address, which just happened to coincide, to the hour, with President George Bush's announcement of a foreign aid program for Russia.

Suddenly, Mr. Clinton was running not against himself but against the president of the United States. "It's clearly a signal to a larger strategy," said Mr. Greenberg, "which is to get on a larger stage with George Bush rather than into the muck with Jerry Brown."

Despite his four-state sweep on Tuesday, Mr. Clinton has found himself dealing once again with the good news, bad news pattern that his campaign has followed—winning primaries but leaving behind exit polls showing that half or more of the voters do not trust him.

A campaign consultant, James Carville, said his mission for the next few weeks would be to "do a better job of telling people what Bill Clinton stands for and what kind of president he would be," a task he admitted that would not be easy.



Several Cossacks in traditional garb attending the Congress of People's Deputies session on Thursday in Moscow. The Congress, the Russian parliament, adopted a statement expressing concern over human-rights violations in the former Soviet republic of Moldova.

Kiosk
American Airlines Alters Fare Base
 American Airlines announced on Thursday a radically different pricing structure in the United States and nearby countries that would lower regular fares while ending a number of discounts and special fares. (Page 11)

Bush Military Budget Is Unscathed
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate refused Thursday to trim about \$4 billion from President George Bush's planned \$292 billion military budget for next year, handing the latest defeat to Democratic leaders trying to cut Pentagon spending.

The lawmakers rejected, 50 to 45, a proposal by Senator J. James Exon, Democrat of Nebraska, to trim Mr. Bush's military spending plan by less than 2 percent. Mr. Exon blamed his defeat on "the military-industrial complex, which is still alive and well."

Southeast Asia Feels the Fallout of Japan's Distress

By Michael Richardson
 International Herald Tribune
SINGAPORE—A major contraction in Japanese investment in Southeast Asia and Australia is most likely to intensify with the plunge of Tokyo stocks and will slow regional economic growth in coming years, analysts said Thursday.

Australia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand are considered to be in the most vulnerable position because they are more dependent on Japan for capital.

As stocks plunge, Tokyo concedes "there is nothing we can do." Page 11.

U.S. Reduces Interest Rate to Spur Recovery

By Lawrence Malkin
 International Herald Tribune
NEW YORK—The Federal Reserve Board eased credit Thursday in the face of a hesitant U.S. economic recovery, a new plunge on the Tokyo stock exchange and nervous financial markets. Wall Street rallied immediately.

The central bank made no formal announcement but signaled to money markets by adding enough money to the banking system to lower the federal funds rate by at least one-quarter of a percentage point, to 3.75 percent. The federal funds rate is what banks charge each other for overnight loans.

Some market specialists said the new target could be a full half-point below the 4 percent level that had prevailed since the start of the year.

Swiss Science Gets a Handle on the Beer Belly

BOSTON—At last, science has found an explanation for one of the obvious effects of drinking too much—the beer belly.

Swiss researchers report that when people drink alcohol, their bodies burn up fat much more slowly than usual. And any fat that is not burned is stored in the stomach, the thighs or other places where people tend to put on weight.

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The Dollar in New York

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Pound	1.7636
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Bush's Warning to Congress: Don't Forget Latin America

By John M. Goshko
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, warning that democracy is threatened in many parts of Latin America, has urged Congress to cooperate in ensuring that the United States remains involved in the region.

A policy statement read by the State Department spokesman, Margaret D. Tutwiler, on Wednesday underscored U.S. concern about the continuing threat to democratic civilian government posed by a recent military coup in Haiti, an unsuccessful coup attempt in Venezuela and, most recently, the assumption of dictatorial powers in Peru this week by the armed forces and President Alberto Fujimori.

"When this administration took office, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Chile were dictatorships," Miss Tutwiler said. All have successfully moved toward democracy. The war in El Salvador has been ended through negotiations, as has the war in Nicaragua. For the first time in a decade, Latin America as a whole is growing economically.

"It is also true that democracy remains fragile and threatened in many parts of the hemisphere," she said. "That is why it is very important for the United States to remain engaged in the hemisphere."

"We are frankly disappointed that Congress has been unable to be more supportive," Miss Tutwiler said.

Specifically, she said, when the administration asked for \$246 million in authority to forgive \$1 billion in debts owed to the United States by countries in the

region, "not a penny was provided."

In addition, she added, many members of Congress oppose President George Bush's attempts to achieve a North American Free Trade Agreement.

"We still are optimistic about democracy in this hemisphere," she said, "but recent events in Peru, as well as those in Haiti and Venezuela, demonstrate that democracy remains embattled."

speech to members of Peru's export sector.

But Mr. Fujimori, who shut down the National Congress, arrested politicians and sent troops into the streets, made no significant announcement on re-establishing constitutional rule, as his foreign minister had promised.

Guerrillas of the Maoist Shining Path movement struck shortly after the speech with the bombing in the Villa El Salvador shanty town.

About 50 guerrillas with automatic weapons and home-made grenades attacked the police station for 30 minutes prior to the bombing.

Mr. Fujimori has accused the National Congress and the judiciary of blocking his efforts to fight the drug trade and Shining Path, which has recently moved its insurgency from the mountains into Lima.

The president dedicated most of his address to explaining why he had seized broad powers and noting the support Peruvians had shown since he took the measures.

"People voted for me to make Peru a country where authority is respected, not where people are subject to corrupt judges, corrupt politicians, bribes and crimes," Mr. Fujimori said.

He cited opinion polls that have given him up to 85 percent support for his move to dismiss corrupt judges.

Foreign Minister Augusto Blatter Miller said Tuesday that all detained politicians, who he said numbered about a dozen, would be released within two weeks.

Mr. Blatter Miller also said the emergency government foresaw a return to constitutional rule within 12 to 18 months.

Mr. Fujimori published a decree on Wednesday legitimizing his emergency government. It would modify the constitution, reorganize and eliminate corruption in the judiciary and fight guerrilla violence.

(Reuters, AP, AP)

Quayle and Skinner Used Military Jets For Golfing Trips

By Stephen Labaton
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — With Congress and the White House dueling for the political high ground in the battle over the perquisites of office, a government report has disclosed that Vice President Dan Quayle used military planes several times in the last two years to take trips with Samuel K. Skinner, mostly to play golf.

Four of the trips with Mr. Skinner, who was then transportation secretary and is now the White House chief of staff, were listed in the report, which was prepared by the Government Accounting Office and made public on Wednesday.

The fifth created a political uproar when it was disclosed last May at the same time that the White House was struggling to answer questions about personal and political trips on military planes by John H. Sununu, Mr. Skinner's predecessor as chief of staff.

Aides to Mr. Quayle and Mr. Skinner said the government had been partly reimbursed for the trips when they also involved political events, like fund-raisers and endorsements, by the sponsors of those events.

But they conceded that the repayments represented a small fraction of the total cost to taxpayers of the flights.

For instance, one three-day trip to a golf and tennis tournament in Williamsburg, Virginia, in June 1990 that was listed as a political fund-raiser cost taxpayers at least \$10,989, according to congressional investigators. A spokesman for Mr. Quayle said the government was repaid \$2,742 by the sponsors of the tournament.

David C. Beckwith, a spokesman for Mr. Quayle, said the government was repaid for the cost of a commercial airline ticket plus \$1 — the standard calculation used by officials — when the vice president used the military planes for political reasons.

He said Mr. Quayle needed to use government aircraft for security and to have instant and secure communications with the White House in the event of a crisis.

Mr. Beckwith said the trips were all political fund-raisers, sometimes mixed with official business. For official and personal trips, all bills are paid by the government.

Rebels Strike in Lima, Challenging Fujimori

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LIMA — President Alberto Fujimori faced a spectacular show of defiance of his crackdown on violence when Maoist guerrillas drove a bus packed with dynamite into a police station here, killing three policemen and injuring at least 22 people.

The guerrillas struck Wednesday shortly after Mr. Fujimori, speaking publicly for the first time since he suspended the constitution on Sunday, declared that he had firm backing from Peruvians.

In a televised speech, Mr. Fujimori said his decision to dissolve Congress had been a popular move. He called the parliament "a dictatorship of the corrupt and inefficient."

"Go into the streets and conduct your own polls," a self-assured Mr. Fujimori said in the



A young woman talking to a crewman on a tank in Lima. Soldiers are continuing to patrol the streets around the National Congress.

Bolivian Leader Warns Legislature to Shape Up

By Douglas Farah
Washington Post Service

LA PAZ — President Jaime Paz Zamora, in a surprise warning after events in Peru, demanded that the Bolivian National Congress become more efficient so "it will not be necessary to eliminate it."

Mr. Paz Zamora has condemned the presidential coup in Peru, where the National Congress was dissolved, but he said in the city of Sucre that Bolivia needed "efficient congressmen, not ones that spend days and weeks on stupidities."

The statements, hammered by all the newspapers in the capital on Wednesday, came as the National Congress was immersed in investigating a case of multiple murder and drug trafficking that has set off charges of criminal activity against top politicians, including Mr. Paz Zamora and opposition leaders.

Political analysts and diplomats said the charges, which dominate congressional debates and the press, were being made by all sides in an effort to gain political advantage for the presidential elections in May 1993.

A search to find the truth has yet to begin, they said, and the result is a weakening of Bolivia's fragile democratic process, which was restored in 1982 after decades of military rule.

In addition to the scandal, Mr. Paz Zamora is facing social unrest over his free-market economic policies.

Mr. Paz Zamora said he would meet soon with leaders of all political parties.

"I am going to ask that we act together, so the Congress works well, so it will not be necessary to eliminate it," he said. "Bolivia needs a legislature that is efficient, that solves problems, that moves ahead."

Although few believe a military coup is imminent, political analysts and diplomats said the loss of credibility of parties and the Congress could open the way for authoritarian measures such as those taken in Peru.

"The political parties are the most disliked group," said a political analyst, Jorge Lazarte. "This creates a serious problem of governability. Political problems are still viewed as separate from social problems, but when they unite, it will be explosive."

Revival of the "Huanchaca case" in November 1986 unleashed the infighting. At that time, a leading Bolivian botanist, Noel Kempff, flew into Huanchaca, near the Brazilian border, where a large, clandestine cocaine laboratory was operating.

After landing, Mr. Kempff and a companion were shot and killed by traffickers guarding the lab, who apparently thought the two

were policemen. Edmundo Salazar, a congressman investigating the case, was killed shortly after. The killing of Mr. Kempff shocked the nation.

The unresolved case was reopened late last year, and last week a special congressional commission found numerous indicators that the then-minister of interior and senior police officers covered up the crime and protected drug traffickers.

The majority report, supported by the governing Patriotic Agreement coalition, asserted that Fernando Barthelemy, now a congressman and leader of the opposition Nationalist Revolutionary Movement, along with three police generals and three police colonels protected the cocaine laboratory in Huanchaca and tried to cover up the involvement of the traffickers in the murder of Mr. Kempff.

This week, Congress is to vote

on whether to strip Mr. Barthelemy of his congressional immunity so he can stand trial. The Nationalist Revolutionary Movement called the report an attempt to destroy it and issued a minority report denying the allegations against Mr. Barthelemy.

In a letter to the United Nations, the Revolutionary Movement asked for an international commission of investigators and jurists to investigate six cases of politicians' ties to drug trafficking besides Huanchaca, including reports that Mr. Paz Zamora's 1989 presidential campaign received money from Mecho Dominguez, one of Bolivia's largest cocaine traffickers, in exchange for protection.

The letter also asked the United Nations to investigate the existence of videos and photographs of leading politicians in the company of Roberto Suarez Gomez, a Bolivian cocaine dealer now on trial in the United States.

U.S. Says 45,000 Sites May Be Nuclear Hazards

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON — More than 45,000 sites across the United States, including factories and hospitals, are potentially contaminated by radioactivity, according to the first government effort to chart the full extent of the hazard.

The study, commissioned by the Environmental Protection Agency, did not try to quantify the health risks at any specific location, or the degree to which radiation may have reached groundwater or croplands. The authors concluded only that contamination "ranges from levels approaching natural background to highly radioactive liquids and solids."

Researchers based their findings on a survey of records of locations at which radioactive material was used, stored, manufactured or spilled. Most of the material cited in the study derives from uranium-mill tailings or refuse from nuclear-weapon plants and other facilities operated by the government.

But 29 "nuclear weapons carrier accidents" are included in the report, including the previously undisclosed crash of a nuclear-armed bomber near Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1956. The report suggests that the crash site may be contaminated with radioactivity.

Not all of the sites identified are definitely contaminated, and many are not likely to be dangerous, officials said.

But previously unreported sites of potential contamination include the Agriculture Research Center in Beltsville, Maryland, where government scientists used radioactive materials to simulate the effects of fallout on crops in the 1950s or 1960s.

Few details were given about the accidents involving nuclear warheads. The study suggests that plutonium, enriched uranium or tritium might be present at the New Mexico crash site near Kirtland Air Force Base, but does not say how much.

(W.P. AP)

Bishops Call Sexism 'Evil'

But U.S. Catholic Panel Affirms Ban on Women Priests

By Laura Sessions Stepp
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — A panel of American Catholic bishops, in a draft statement on women's issues, called sexism "a moral and social evil," but affirmed the church ban on ordaining women.

The draft pastoral document suggested that the Vatican consider ordaining women as deacons, a secondary role to priests. It also argued for female lectors and acolytes to assist during masses.

A pastoral statement is the most authoritative statement American bishops can make. If the 81-page draft, made public Wednesday, is approved by the full body of bishops in November, the statement will help set policy for this country's 180 Roman Catholic dioceses and 55 million Catholics. American bishops are the first in the world to try to write a document on women's issues, and their action is being closely watched by church leaders in Africa and Britain, where women's rights are being debated.

The statement's authors, six bishops and five female consultants, have been battered by both liberal and conservative factions in the church during their eight years of writing. The final effort is unlikely to appease either side.

Catholics who believe women should be priests said that without that final opportunity, any statement on sexism rings hollow.

Conservative Catholics said the bishops were not forceful enough in their opposition to birth control. The draft pastoral states the church's prohibition, but also urges compassion for Catholics who do not adhere to the teaching.

The draft pastoral on women appeared doomed last year when Pope John Paul II summoned its authors to the Vatican and asked them to tone down the statement.

"But what had been consigned to the ash heap is rising up again," said the draft's author, Susan Muto, a professor at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Muto said no major changes were made in Rome, but that the draft now explores more fully the causes of sexism in society and the significant relationship Jesus enjoyed with his female disciples.

The statement's release occurred at a time of widespread ferment among women of faith over their spiritual roles.

Women are entering seminaries in record numbers and more and more churches are opening the pulpit to women, except Catholic churches, said Paul Fitzpatrick, national coordinator of the Women's Ordination Conference, who predicted that the pastoral would prompt more women to abandon traditional Catholicism.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick praised the

statement for being "beautifully written and good theology."

"They are showing a great deal more compassion" than in the earlier drafts, she said.

"But they refuse to say the hierarchy is sexist and sinful," she added. "Until they do that there will be no major change, just more nice stuff to women."

Bishop Joseph L. Innesch of Joliet, Illinois, the chairman of the panel, said the bishops decided that ordination was not an issue they could do anything about. The statement had only a few lines defending a male priesthood, largely on the fact that it is a tradition.

The bishops criticized businesses that promote men over equally qualified women, or pay more money to men than to women for the same job.

Candidates for the priesthood should be examined for their attitudes about women and "an incapacity to treat women as equals ought to be considered a negative indicator for fitness," they said.

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Tsongas, Rejecting Role as a Spoiler, Won't Rejoin Race

By The Associated Press. BOSTON — Former Senator Paul E. Tsongas of Massachusetts said Thursday that he would not rejoin the Democratic presidential race despite his strong showing in the New York primary.

Clinton Told By Doctor to Stop Talking

New York Times Service. PEORIA, Illinois — He coughed his way through New Hampshire, rasped his way through Illinois and croaked during much of the New York primary campaign.

AID: Allies' Eagerness to Support Yeltsin Led to Confusing and Incomplete Assistance Plan

(Continued from page 1) clinal in Japan's Finance Ministry said. [Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d promised Congress on Thursday that the Bush administration would not keep asking for big aid outlays to the former Soviet republics, The Associated Press reported from Washington.

dential contender, Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, criticized him for foot-dragging on Russian aid. Mr. Bush announced the package at a White House news conference April 1, moments before Mr. Clinton delivered a major foreign-policy address in New York.

Group of Seven has made a commitment to meet the \$24 billion financing that Russia is estimated to need this year. They also say that although little of the \$24 billion requires new authorizations by the G-7 governments, as far as Russia is concerned, much of the money will be new aid.

CAPITAL: Falling Japan Investment Will Curb Southeast Asia's Growth

(Continued from page 1) Singapore, finance development projects in the region. Robin Tomlin, managing director of Schroder International Merchant Bankers Ltd., said Japanese banks in Southeast Asia had become more selective in their loans to Japanese customers and reduced credit "quite dramatically" to non-Japanese borrowers.

falling, commitments for manufacturing that would help sustain regional economic growth in 1992 and 1993 were already in the pipeline and could not be canceled. He said that although Japan was a significant export market for Southeast Asia, such destinations as the United States, the European Community and others accounted for well over two-thirds of sales.

ed through 1992, it would "put our export drive under question." The dramatic fall in the Nikkei stock index, however, is generally seen by analysts in Southeast Asia as bringing the market in Japan down to a more realistic level without undermining the basic strength of the Japanese economy.

CLINTON: Looking for Bush

(Continued from page 1) Mr. Clinton. The good news for Mr. Clinton was that 27 percent of Republicans also said they would abandon their party for Mr. Perot.

Mr. Clinton's media consultant, "People will complain and complain until you say: O.K., but it's this person against this person. When the choice is between Mr. Clinton and Mr. Bush, said Mr. Greer, Mr. Clinton will look a lot better.

FLEET: Ukraine and Russia Agree to Talks on Splitting Up Naval Units

(Continued from page 1) controls all land routes into Sevastopol and supplies the city with more than 90 percent of its food. ■ Concern on Weapons

The NATO allies on Thursday expressed their deepening worries to Russia and Ukraine about the suspension of shipments of thousands of tactical nuclear weapons to Russia for dismantling. The Associated Press reported from Brussels.

Ukraine suspended shipments last month and has yet to resume them. It has expressed concern that it cannot monitor destruction of the nuclear arms inside Russia.

Pope Sets Up a Latin Fund

The Associated Press. VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II has set up a foundation to help the poor in Latin America, the Vatican said Thursday. It is to coincide with the 500th anniversary of Columbus's voyage.

are elsewhere in the country. That, they say, suggests that Mr. Clinton's problem is not nationwide and not incurable. For example, in Kansas, which also voted Tuesday, 59 percent of primary voters said Mr. Clinton did have the honesty and integrity to make a good president, according to ABC News reports of exit polls.

Mr. Greenberg added that Mr. Clinton was not the first candidate to bring high negative ratings into a campaign: Ronald Reagan did so in 1980, he said, and Mr. Bush in 1988. Both won.

"Can a man be elected president if his negatives outweigh his positives?" asked Representative Barney Frank, Democrat of Massachusetts. "Sure, if his positives outweigh the other guy's positives."

In the statement, the NATO nations said it was important for the former republics to quickly set up mechanisms for joint supervision of the destruction process.

This, they said, was "an essential step" in restarting the arms withdrawal.

Table with multiple columns containing financial data, fund names, and prices. Includes sections for 'INTERNATIONAL FUNDS' and 'Other Funds'.

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Uncertainty in Europe

From the angry voters of France, then Germany and now Italy comes the same message. They are fed up not only with the parties that have been governing them but with the conventional opposition parties as well.

Italy: Not Quite a Crisis

No word is invoked more often in Italian political journals than la crisi, or "the crisis." Yet despite the periodic dissolution of fractious coalitions, not once in four decades has a national election resulted in the rejection of a sitting government and its replacement by the opposition.

A Habit of Democrats

Bill Clinton continued on Tuesday to win delegates. The Republicans seem pretty much to have rallied behind or resigned themselves to their sitting-president candidate; the Buchanan insurgency has fizzled.

Honesty About a Missile

The U.S. Army is finally backtracking from its grossly inflated claims about the Patriot missile's effectiveness against Iraqi Scuds during the Gulf War. But military officials remain foolishly evasive about the weapon that came to symbolize, for many, the technological wizardry that helped win the war.

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OPINION

Lest Russians Ask, 'Who Lost the West?'

By Flora Lewis

BONN — Even after the announcement of a hastily patched together \$34 billion Western aid plan for Russia, it is clear that disintegration and disorientation in the ex-Soviet Union is getting worse. Money is not enough, perhaps not even the main need, though obviously it is important.

Build New Markets on Oil, Not on Uncertain Aid

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Hastening to beat Bill Clinton to the foreign policy punch, President George Bush proposed to assist democracy in the former Soviet republics with a package that not even Secretary of State James Baker could price or explain.

sign an agreement giving some incentives to the kind of investment incentives that will get new wells drilled. Now Overseas Private Investment Corp. (OPIC, not OPEC) is authorized to make loans and sell risk insurance to U.S. companies that establish ventures in Russia.

Now, Security For the People

SOME 1.2 BILLION people in the Third World continue to exist in absolute poverty. 1 billion adults are illiterate, 1.5 billion lack access to safe water, and 800 million go to bed hungry every night.



A Libya Without Gadhafi? Think Again

By John K. Cooley

NICOSIA — The Bush administration and its allies ought to think twice before making military moves against Libya that might topple Colonel Moammar Gadhafi.

His successors might well be zealots who will try to foment fundamentalist revolt from Morocco to the Nile Valley.

against Muslim extremism in the Arab world. An air or even naval blockade of Libya would tremendously strengthen the hand of Colonel Gadhafi's multiform opponents.

liners and moderates in his entourage. Major Jalloud, who is of the same tribal group as Abdel Bassem Ali Megrahi, one of the two wanted intelligence agents, has taken an obdurate line. On the other side are diplomats who favor a compromise with the West, and a cautious, pro-Egyptian group of Gadhafi clansmen.

A Tightrope To Peace in Afghanistan

By Selig S. Harrison

WASHINGTON — Is the 13-year-old conflict in Afghanistan finally coming to an end? What the United States does in the critical weeks ahead will largely determine whether the United Nations succeeds in brokering an embattled Afghan peace plan amid determined Islamic fundamentalist opposition.

The administration should make clear that it backs the UN decision to give significant representation in the negotiations to President Najibullah's Homeland Party. General Najibullah is ready to step down when and if a government is formed, but only if his party, a successor to the Communist Party, is part of the peace process.

The UN has been promoting a broad-based coalition government including moderate factions not controlled by tribally based local resistance commandants, nationalist forces associated with the former king, Zahir Shah, Iran-based resistance groups and Homeland Party leaders not linked to wartime atrocities.

President Najibullah could block a settlement if not given a place at the bargaining table. If the UN effort fails, the balkanization of Afghanistan is likely to gain momentum, kindling sentiment among Afghan Tajiks and Uzbeks for alignment with the adjacent Central Asian republics of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Wild for Cleveland NEW YORK — The Massachusetts Democratic State Convention yesterday [April 8] endorsed ex-President Cleveland's Administration, and the mention of his name was received with long and continued cheers, and hat-waving.

1917: Latins to War? LONDON — Dispatches from the various South American capitals show that, with Brazil on the brink of war, the other Republics are also considering the advisability of following the lead of the United States by breaking with Germany.

1942: Zeros Are Hit Hard CHUNGKING — [From our New York edition:] The American Volunteer Group of flyers reported today the destruction of ten out of twenty Japanese fighter planes in an air battle over Leyau, in southern Yunnan Province, China.

1992: Zeros Are Hit Hard The writer, a senior associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, is the author of "In Afghanistan's Shadow." He contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

Clinton Delegate Herald Tribune

OPINION

Clinton Keeps Gathering Delegates, and Doubters

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — The closer Bill Clinton gets to the Democratic presidential nomination, the more nervous many of his partisans become. To hear them talk, they are not sure whether their convention will serve as prelude to an election or as a political execution.

It is not uncommon, to be sure, for doubts to be expressed about any first-time presidential candidate. The Los Angeles Democratic convention in 1960 had its share of skeptics questioning whether John F. Kennedy could measure up to the "stature" of eight-year-

prospect of Mr. Bush getting to run for re-election against Mr. Clinton.

Robert Teeter, chairman of President Bush's re-election campaign, commented the other day that when it comes to choosing a president, "character dominates in voters' minds." He continued: "They're smarter than the rest of us. They don't take a checklist of 12 issues and grade the candidates. They decide which of two candidates they want to go sit in the Oval Office for four years and make value judgments for them."

Mr. Teeter did not come right out and say that Republicans would love to run on the "character issue." But last week Senator Don Nickles of Oklahoma, Mr. Bush's choice to head the Republican platform committee, told reporters: "I think the Slick Willie thing will come back and bite him" when Republicans start recycling stories about "extrajudicial affairs, pot-smoking and the draft."

Mr. Nickles said he had personally called Mr. Bush's attention to an overlooked passage in Mr. Clinton's 1969 letter to Colonel Eugene Holmes, the former commander of the University of Arkansas ROTC unit in which Mr. Clinton had promised to enlist after receiving his draft induction notice. Toward the end of the letter in which Mr. Clinton tried to explain why he resigned on that commitment, the 23-year-old Rhodes Scholar wrote:

"I am writing you in the hope that my telling this one story will help you to understand more clearly how so many fine people have come to find themselves still loving their country but loathing the military, to which you and other good men have devoted years, lifetimes, of the best service you could give."

Mr. Nickles said the "loathing the military" phrase "will really hurt him against George Bush... I can see George Bush and Lee Greenwood singing 'Proud to Be an American'" while Mr. Clinton is depicted as "somebody who organized demonstrations against the war, working for George McGovern with 'people who were leaving marches and burning flags.'"

Some of us would like to think that the serious challenges facing Americans in 1992 would demand politicians from re-fighting the divisive battles of the 1960s. But the Republicans have shown in election after election that they know how to exploit value and character questions.

A Times Mirror poll released last Sunday exposed equal numbers of voters to critical comments about Mr. Bush and Mr. Clinton and concluded that "a Republican campaign attack on Bill Clinton's personal character would likely damage his election chances to a considerably greater degree than would a Democratic attack on George Bush's record."

That is why so many Democratic leaders choke up when they try to cheer Mr. Clinton's victories.

The Washington Post.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Welcome for Waldheim

In response to the editorial "Whom Does Kohl Please?" (March 30):

The reason a German chancellor should not be receiving Kurt Waldheim is not that Mr. Waldheim necessarily did anything worse than other guests of Mr. Kohl—for example, Nicolae Ceausescu. It is simply that Mr. Waldheim has become an international symbol of the Nazi past, from which Helmut Kohl should be trying to distance himself.

I assume that this is the reason almost all other countries have made it a point never to receive a man whose mere presence is a sad reminder of the inadequate response made by the nations of the earth during the Holocaust.

ERIC LYTCH, Antwerp.

The Vatican and the Jews

Claire Legrand asks, "With anti-Semitism again on the rise, why are the churches so silent?" (Letters, March 31).

In Poland and Lithuania it is the Catholic Church that at varying times has preached anti-Semitism, and in Imperial Russia, the Orthodox Church. The Vatican did not recognize the Jewish state and has no intention of doing so. Therefore the Vatican cannot be an "influence to stop" anti-Semitism. On the contrary, the Vatican's negotiation of the Jewish state encourages it.

NATHAN GUTWIRTH, Antwerp.

More Than Wind at Work

Regarding the report "What Parted Red Sea Waters for Moses?" (March 16):

The article suggests that no supernatural means were required to split the Red Sea's waters — that strong winds, properly focused, could have achieved this feat. Yet it also quotes the passage that illustrates precisely the Biblical claim: "And the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind."

The point is, it was the coincidence of several phenomena that made the episode miraculous: In the passages just before the Red Sea story, the entire Jewish slave nation succeeded in leaving Egypt all at once, peacefully, and with their captors' blessing. Historians estimate that at least 600,000 Jews crossed the Red Sea. The Bible postulates that the miracle was not simply the parting of the waters, but that the events should have come together, that the Jews

Help for the Legless Man, No Thanks to One Rider

By Richard Cohen

NEW YORK — I take the subways when I'm here. I do so for a number of reasons. They are swift, not to mention relatively cheap. Another reason is, they were my friend when I was a kid, the way I traveled all over the city. But that old song has a message. Nighttime is more than for luggers and kissin'. It's also a good time to take a cab.

But I have a third reason, and that one is harder to explain. It has to do with an apprehension that as I grow older and

abortion services, medical services, lawyers on the cheap — for drug counseling, sex counseling, AIDS counseling, pregnancy counseling, immigration counseling. Stay in School. Use a Condom.

Then I look around at the people. On my train there are some shoppers, but mostly what look like poor people commuting to one job or another. They look beat. Give them a moment's peace — a long stretch between stations — and their heads will hit their chests. I study one man in particular. He is wearing work boots, a dark heavy garment like a pea jacket. He is 40, 45, and his face, deeply black and deeply lined, looks as if it has not smiled in years.

It is hard to sleep in years. First an Asian man enters. He unsholders a large canvas bag and takes out a portable telephone. "Five dollar!" he yells. "Five dollar!" Having found no takers, he moves to another car. Next comes one beggar, then another.

I am resolute. I will not be played for a patsy. And neither will my fellow passengers. The two beggars get not a penny. I am not surprised. These are poor people, and while they have many burdens, one of them is not liberal guilt. No. Of that I am sure. I rely on them to be unmoved by the beggars, no matter how cloying their pitch.

A legless man enters the car. He pulls himself along by his arms, the stumps dragging a bit until he swings them under him. He pulls and swings, pulls and swings. He is black, around 30 or, on second glance, 50. It's impossible to tell.

The man in the boots and the heavy garment sits the legless man out of unfocused, drowsy eyes. I know he will not react. By now, I have invented a job for him: construction. He has been doing heavy, physical labor all day, and is weary and hurting. To give to a beggar is to give away a piece of the day, and he will not do that. As if in his sleep, though, he reaches into his pocket and leans forward. He gives the legless man a dollar.

He is just the first. As the legless man pulls himself through the car, the poor give to the poorer. I am stunned. Where is their cynicism? Where is their fear of being ripped off or of thinking, as I have been, that there must be government programs for such people? Yes, of course. Government programs. No need to beg.

But I give the legless man a dollar when he gets to me, because people a lot poorer than me have done so. And they do so, I think, because they don't live in a cocoon, but in the suburbs of misery, a neighborhood of near bad luck, and they know real need when they see it. Their dollars, worth more to them than mine to me, make me feel cheap and ingenuitous, a regular Bush, so unaccustomed to life in the express lane (Nimble Nicms or Less) that I mistake a scanner for a Brave New World. This is my third reason for riding the subways. It's always an education.

The Washington Post.

MEANWHILE

less bold, I will retreat into a cocoon of affluence. Cars and cabs do that sort of thing to you. They are more than transportation. They are buriers.

It just so happens that I do my own grocery shopping and so I know about checkout scanners. When President George Bush apparently did not, the media made much of his ignorance. It is hard to know what to make of this except, of course, what we already knew: The president does not do the shopping. He lives in a kind of cocoon.

The New York subway de-cocoons a person. I have only to look up at the advertisements. The first thing I learn is that English is just another language — at least the advertisers here think so. Spanish is another.

Then you learn something about misery and desperation. Here are ads for

should all have survived — and that none of their pursuers could manage a similar crossing.

The skeptic may explain these events as a string of sensational chance events. But for such an unprecedented chain of occurrences to happen to a whole nation on such a scale at one moment in history is nothing short of miraculous.

JOHN D. KAPLAN, Scarborough, Ontario.

Between Leather and Fur

Regarding "Spring the Trap on Animal Activists" (Back Page, April 2):

Most informed people know that "animal activism" is not black and white, as the organization Put People First is wont to believe. I eat meat, but I have cut back after reading what beef production does to the environment — and to my body. I wear leather, since it is a meat by-product, but shun fur since it is merely a vanity item. I don't consider myself an activist, simply civilized enough to realize that we humans have evolved to conclude that cruelty and waste are negative traits of our species. Put People First is another.

JILL DYCHE, Paris.

It is not uncommon for doubts to be raised about a first-time presidential candidate. But usually victory stifles the skeptics.

Vice President Richard Nixon. History says there were similar reservations about Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt when he took on a national figure like President Herbert Hoover.

What is mutual about this year is that the more Mr. Clinton wins, the larger the question marks loom over his candidacy. It is usually the other way around — victory stifles the skeptics. Mr. Clinton seems to accumulate as many doubters as delegates.

Tuesday's New York primary was supposed to be the "point of closure" for the Democratic nomination, the rallying-around time. Instead, three-quarters of the state's eligible Democratic voters boycotted the polls rather than make a choice among Mr. Clinton, Jerry Brown and the ghostly "suspend" candidacy of Paul Tsongas.

The two-week campaign added two new chapters to the catalogue of Clinton character questions, one on his youthful experience with marijuana and the other on his avoidance of the Vietnam War draft. Neither was crippling, or even terribly important, in itself, but both showed his tendency to evade straightforward answers.

Some Democrats praised his ability to take all these shots and keep moving forward toward nomination. But in New York exit polls, only half those who voted answered yes when asked if Mr. Clinton had "the honesty and integrity to serve effectively as president." And those were Democratic activists — not the broad electorate.

No wonder so many Democratic politicians are saying privately that Mr. Clinton is carrying a heavier burden of doubt than any prospective nominee can afford, even against a candidate with vulnerabilities as visible as George Bush's. And no wonder so many Republicans are publicly rubbing their hands in glee at the

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Vertical text on the left edge of the page, partially cut off, including 'A Tightrope To Peace in Afghanistan' and '1910: Zens Are Here'.



When in Italy, Keep That Receipt!

By Roderick Conway Morris

VENICE — It was a classic stake-out: for some time government agents had the Bar Venezia in Stigliano, a small town in Italy's deep south, under surveillance. This February, as Salvatore, oblivious of the trap about to be sprung, came out into the street the team moved in with cool efficiency. Seconds later, without a struggle or a shot fired, Salvatore was taken into custody.

The crime: dealing a 100-lire bag of popcorn without a scanner's (cash register receipt). The penalty: a 300,000-lire (about \$240) fine for the bar owner who had sold the popcorn, and one of 33,000 lire for Salvatore — who had to be bailed out by his father, seeing that he is only 7 years old.

According to Italian law, not only must a shopkeeper issue a receipt but those buying goods must be able to produce it on demand. This draconian system was first introduced in 1983 by the then-Minister of Finance Bruno Visentini as a desperate measure to persuade Italy's 4 million or so shopkeepers — some of them regularly declaring incomes lower than their lowest-paid workers — to pay their share of taxes. The law sparked off a national shopkeepers' strike and a political crisis that nearly brought down the government.

The body entrusted with enforcing the law is the Guardia di Finanza, or Fiscal Police, a military-style force in distinctive gray uniforms with yellow trim. The Guardia is responsible for customs, excise and coast guard duties (it has special alpine and nautical training schools) and enforcing internal tax laws. Some tax-dodgers and smugglers, notably the Mafia, are well-equipped and

extremely nasty, and the corps has an impressive array of hardware, including patrol boats armed with cannons, helicopters, planes and heavy machine-guns.

The Guardia are nothing if not zealous, but in the Salvatore case, even Minister of Finance Rino Formica admitted that they had gone too far, describing it as "an isolated incident," and maintaining that the service "was certainly not targeting children."

Hardly were the minister's words out of his mouth when the Guardia was in action again, this time nabbing a 14-year-old high school student near Rome who left 200 lire on the counter of a stationer's for two sheets of foolscap without waiting for a receipt because he was late for a French test.

The fiscal crime busters' true moment of glory came at the end of last month in Rovigo, a town southwest of Venice, when 2-year-old Enrico and his mother were stopped outside a bar, brazenly receiptless with a 100-lire chocolate bar. Bracing itself against the inevitable storm of public protest and press reaction, the Guardia issued an official justification, containing an almost audible sigh, saying that the resulting "fine was directed at the mother and obviously not the child. One can only hope that if, in the future, a dog-food seller fails to issue a receipt that it will not be claimed that the dog was booked."

As from the end of March, in addition to shops, restaurants, bars and hotels, many other traders are now obliged to give receipts: these include barbers, car, equipment and videocassette rental firms, and hirers-out of dock chairs, beach umbrellas and pedalos. My barber seems to be taking this on the chin, and have dug out their old receipt books (which they had to use for a short time some years ago, before barbers were, for some unknown

reason, again exempted). One of their colleagues in Venice has, however, shut up shop and retired in disgust.

Certain categories remain exempt, such as newspaper vendors and booksellers, tobacconists and gas stations. But it is the government's intention to widen the net to cover taxis, street traders, farmers and even gondoliers.

So far receiptless tourists and foreigners seem to have been spared the attentions of the Guardia, an impression supported by the British consulate in Venice and the U.S. Embassy in Rome, both of which say they have yet to deal with such a case. However, it is wise, especially if you buy something of any value, to make sure you have a proper written receipt (*ricevuta fiscale*) to show the Guardia, on request, at the border or airport.

NEEDLESS to say, the Guardia are not the most popular of Italy's public servants. But without them the country's budget deficit, already predicted to reach nearly \$130 billion this year, would undoubtedly be even higher.

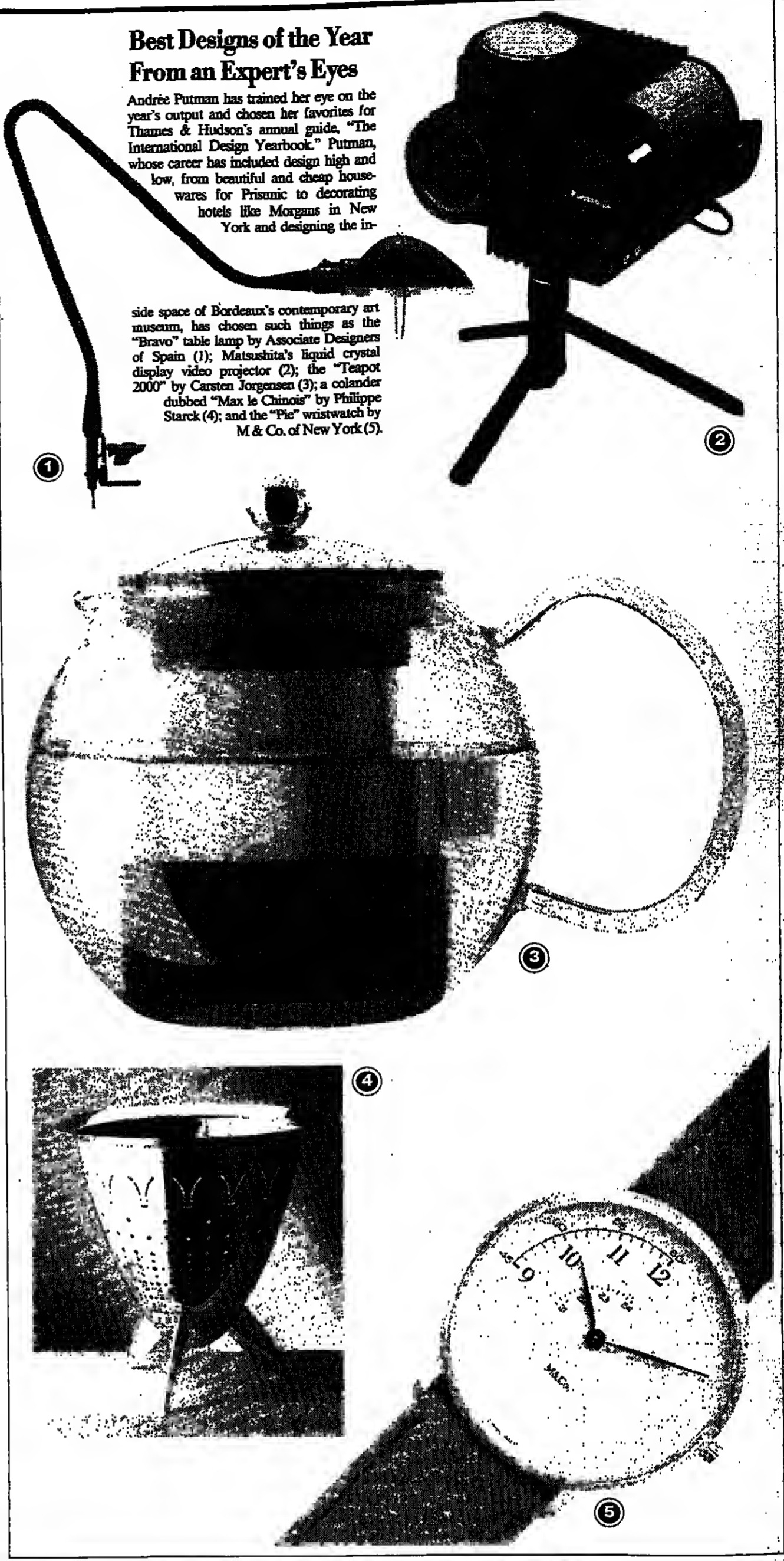
Nor can it be said that they lack a sense of humor. A couple of years ago Mabor, their redoubtable Alsatian sniffer dog at Venice airport, cornered a traveler on an internal flight from Rome. Declining to prosecute the young man for possession of drugs (he was carrying less than a gram of cannabis), but finding that he could not produce a receipt to prove he had bought it in Italy, the Guardia assessed the value of the product and charged him 1,800 lire for unpaid value added tax.

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Best Designs of the Year From an Expert's Eyes

André Putman has trained her eye on the year's output and chosen her favorites for Thames & Hudson's annual guide, "The International Design Yearbook." Putman, whose career has included design high and low, from beautiful and cheap housewares for Prismatic to decorating hotels like Morgans in New York and designing the in-

side space of Bordeaux's contemporary art museum, has chosen such things as the "Bravo" table lamp by Associate Designers of Spain (1); Matsushita's liquid crystal display video projector (2); the "Teapot 2000" by Carsten Jørgensen (3); a calendar dubbed "Max le Chinois" by Philippe Starck (4); and the "Pie" wristwatch by M & Co. of New York (5).



Ukraine: 'I Cry for You, Intourist'

By Henry Kamm
New York Times Service

KIEV, Ukraine — Midway through a three-week tour of independent Ukraine — at about the time I had adapted to the new ways that make it politically incorrect to say "the Ukraine" — I found myself comforted by the appearance of a relic of the bad old days.

I was checking in at a particularly grim hotel in the grimy coal-mining town of Donetsk. Suddenly there was Tatiana. She stood at the reception desk, her warm, if somewhat synthetic smile scoring over the prison-warden scowl of the oafish reception clerk. Recognition was instantaneous. Tatiana knew I was the American who had booked a room by telegram from Kiev; I knew she was the intourist lady ready to take charge of the traveler's needs.

Such Intourist ladies had greeted me in many places in the former Soviet Union in my travels in an earlier, two-year stay. So meticulously did Intourist adhere to its mission of keeping foreigners from going astray that one day, when my plane from Irkutsk to Moscow made an unexpected landing in Omsk, a city then closed to foreigners, a counterpart of Tatiana stood at planeside and spotted with a trained eye the only foreigner among the descending passengers.

Although neither of us had met before, she addressed me by name and sat by my side in the waiting lounge for hours, feeding me English-language pamphlets on the "many-sided achievements" of the Soviet Union, until the plane had been repaired.

Tatiana explained that as far as the individual traveler was concerned Intourist and its services had ceased to function; it had collapsed along with the Soviet Union but the hotel's management felt I might need her help. Although Intourist as an organization based in Moscow, the capital of a foreign country as far as Ukraine is concerned, professes still to exist, the tourist in Ukraine encounters only evidence and protestations to the contrary. In the old days I was here to "need" Tatiana's observant and restrictive company whether I wanted it or not, and pay for it. Now I was able to tell Tatiana I would "end for myself in Donetsk. But remembering the difficulty of getting a sleeping-car berth for the 16-hour journey from Kiev and the erstwhile omnipotence of Intourist in such matters, I asked her to get me a "soft-class" ticket back to Kiev. That is where Tatiana provided definitive proof of Intourist's demise. She failed. "I am no longer intourist," she said sadly over the telephone. I never saw Tatiana again and traveled second class.

WITH the virtual disappearance of the all-caring Soviet version of Travelers Aid, the visitor is left without defense against the former dependencies.

The customer continues to be always wrong, and can no longer call on the Intourist Service Bureau to plead a case.

Where was Tatiana or one of her sisters when I arrived late one night at the Kiev Intourist Hotel, after my plane from the Crimea to Kiev had been diverted for several hours northward to Belarus? (Only the world intourist remains on the hostelry, a prime example of the Soviet predilapidated style of construction: the hotel opened its doors in 1990 and already looks ready for a radical overhaul of its rooms, sheets and staff.)

Was anyone there to sustain me when I asked the dragon at the reception desk, who scolded me for my late arrival, whether someone might bring a cup of tea to my room? (I knew enough not to ask for something to eat.)

"No tea," she growled, and bent over the abacus, no doubt calculating the boon that my \$174 a night would be to Ukraine's meagre foreign-currency reserves.

The absurdity of the price was made even clearer a few days later, over dinner at the house of a friend. "5174 for one night!" repeated his daughter, a 28-year-old engineer. And after a quick mental calculation, she said drily, "That's what I earn for 30 months on my job." She earns 600 rubles a month, about \$6 at the bank exchange rate.

The services manager explained the many valid reasons for the hotel's deficiencies. They are rooted in the decomposition of what used to be a multiethnic superpower.

But it is the virtual state of war between the guest and the staff and the ever unchanging guardians of tourist facilities that is the chief survivor of the old days.

Headwaiters keep alive the endearing habit of telling hungry guests surveying an empty restaurant that all tables are taken. In the good old days, a contribution in rubles would enable him to find an unreserved table; now only dollars or German marks do the trick. But, as in the past, many tables remain empty through the evening.

Perhaps privatization will end the war

against the traveler. No "thank you" acknowledged my handling over almost \$2,000 for 11 nights of Spartan rigor to the Kiev hotel cashier.

"You didn't give it to her," explained a Ukrainian bystander, surprised at my polite remonstrance. "You gave it to the government. If you gave it to her, she'd say 'thank you' 2,000 times." I would have been thankful for just one.

HEAR THIS

She wears a conical bra and flesh-flashing costumes, sings about lust and scandalizes the public. Madonna? No. Lesley Garrett, a British soprano whose CD of opera arias was released in the United States with the title "Divas!" Silva Screen Records Ltd. has spiced up the package with photographs of a chiffon-draped Garrett swooning in ecstasy on the cover, lounging in tights against an apartment wall and gazing at the buyer in a low-cut evening gown. "This is just the coming of age of the marketing of classical," said the entertainment analyst Harold Vogel of Merrill Lynch & Co. Roll over, Beethoven.

THE MOVIE GUIDE



Jacques Dutronc menaces Mathilda May in "Toutes Peines Confondues," top. Vira Montes and Sal Lopez get ready to go out on the town in "American Me," below left, and Christopher Reeve recoils at some gaffe in Peter Bogdanovich's "Noises Off," based on Michael Frayn's play.

Toutes Peines Confondues

Directed by Michel Deville. France.

Adapted from Andrew Coburn's novel "Sweetheart," Deville's moody thriller is set on a Swiss lake where threats and innuendos roll in as thick as fog, and Shostakovich's ominous music means murder is in the air. But you wonder what the suspense — all those stressful chords — is all about, because nothing really happens. Two famous French pop stars — Jacques Dutronc and Patrick Bruel — are at the center of the intrigue: Dutronc as an elegant gentleman thief, Bruel as the detective sent to stalk him. The soft-hearted cop falls for the magnetic bandit and his voluptuous wife, played by Mathilda May, and so they all circle each other, suave, well-dressed and quite aimless. It's a chic cops-and-robbers adventure, cut like a commercial, for sensational effect, with a voyeuristic, satiric edge and not much in the middle. (Joan Dupont, IHT)

Noises Off

Directed by Peter Bogdanovich. U.S.

The smell of the greasepaint clings to this anticpated pace play by Michael Frayn that never quite becomes a motion picture. It is a bedroom-door-banging rumpus that originated in London's West End, and Pe-

ter Bogdanovich's version like-wise sends up the conventions of British burlesque — a bit peculiar coming from a mostly American cast performing in Des Moines. As a wearily cynical director (Michael Caine) runs his troupe of incompetents through a final dress rehearsal, everything that can go wrong does. All the flubs come as a result of the many physical, mental and emotional shortcomings of a cast that includes Carol Burnett as a faded leading lady, John Ritter as her jealous young lover, Christopher Reeve as the insecure hunk, and Denholm Elliott as the besotted and hard-of-hearing British legend. (Rita Kempley, WP)

La Stazione

Directed by Sergio Rubini. Italy.

It rains all night on this lost Italian village, pitched against the mountainside. The local stationmaster, played by director Rubini, leads a tedious life, cramped by routine. Flavia (Margherita Buy) interrupts his schedule, arriving in the middle of the night in her couture gown, on the run from her ambitious lover (Ennio Fantastichini), a fascist bully. Built on three characters stuck within four walls, Rubini's first film reveals his theater background. It starts as gentle social satire and climbs to sudden, surprising heights. Of course the rain-drenched contessa and the

wispy stationmaster are like trains passing in the night, but their romance has its fine moments. (Joan Dupont, IHT)

Straight Talk

Directed by Barnett Kellman. U.S.

Perched atop her five-inch stiletto heels, the full-busted but otherwise tiny Dolly Parton towers above "Straight Talk" like a laughing Colossus of Rhodes. In the flat landscape of this new romantic comedy, no other body or thing comes up to the ankle straps of the irrepressible star. She appears in virtually every scene and accompanies herself on the soundtrack almost nonstop, singing in upbeat Dolly-style a half-dozen songs she wrote for herself. She's intimidating but irresistible, which is all to the good. "Straight Talk" needs every ounce of irresistibility it can get to offset a certain predictability of formula. Parton plays Shirley, a Flat Rock, Arkansas, dance instructor who, after losing her job because she talks too much, flees to Chicago and through a series of misunderstandings, becomes the toast of the town as a psychologist who dispenses homespun wisdom on radio station WNDY. She unknowingly falls in love with Jack (James Woods), the tough newspaper reporter who is out to expose WNDY's bogus claims that she holds a doctorate in psychology. Woods has

the film's toughest role, which he plays with a kind of intense, unflappable intelligence. It can't be easy romancing a star who is as much myth as woman. (Vincent Canby, NYT)

American Me

Directed by James Edward Omos. U.S.

This stomach-turning prison drama doesn't mean to glorify gangsterism, but it does in its way. Set behind the bars of Folsom State Prison, it depicts the downs of doing time, but dignifies the strivings of a self-made crime lord. Omos, both as director and star, finds a tragic grandeur in the rise and ruin of Santana, a teenager who comes of age inside the California prison system. When sentenced to a juvenile facility, Santana forms a Mexican Mafia with his boyhood friends J. D. (William Forsythe) and Mimmo (Pope Serna) as henchmen. Upon their transfer to Folsom, the adults, the hardened trio become pen kings in charge of drug trafficking, prostitution and other rackets. After release through a series of misunderstandings, Santana returns home to find his kid brother and his neighbors' gang being destroyed by the culture he helped to create, and sacrifices himself to his criminal peers in a ritual suicide. Though this is well-intentioned and well-made, it's hard to imagine why anyone would subject himself to this unrelentingly sordid polemic. (Rita Kempley, WP)

THE ARTS GUIDE

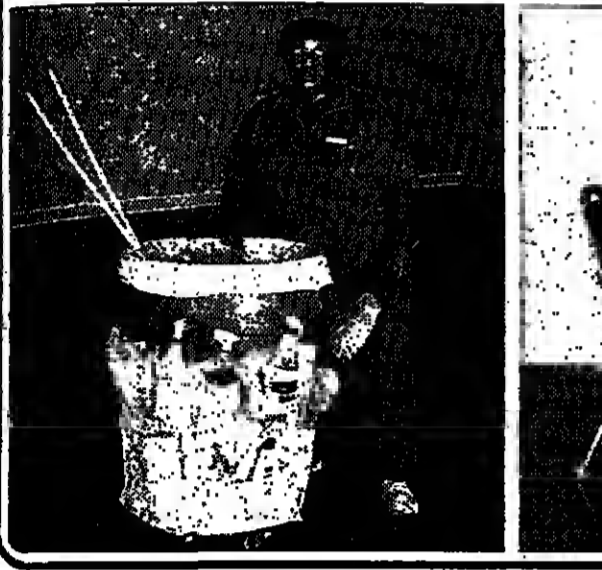
The Joys of a Visit to the Old Lady

By Patricia Wells International Herald Tribune

PARIS — As everyday cooks, we tend to forget a single but important rule: Try not to complicate what is first of all a very simple cuisine, a cuisine of common sense. Each weekday morning Adrienne Biais...

Dressed in white canvas tennis shoes, white anklets, and a huge white apron, she looks almost beardless and pixie-like. Yet tired eyes, and a slowing gait unmask her age...

her own tomatoes and brings herbs from her suburban garden. Adrienne offers a beef with carrots so pure, so heavenly, so bursting with flavor...



From top left: Lithograph by Toulouse-Lautrec at the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris; Nigerian wood sculpture at the Horniman Museum in London and two fiberglass sculptures by Duane Hanson at the KunstHaus in Vienna.

AUSTRIA

Linz Neue Galerie (tel: 83.35.00). To May 24: "Karl Appel." A retrospective of 100 paintings and other works...

FRANCE

Aix-les-Bains Cathédrale de Balley (tel: 79.88.99.80). April 18: Handel's "Passion according to St. John," conducted by Michel Corboz.

JAPAN

Kobe Kobe City Museum (tel: 591.00.35). To May 10: "Painting in the Ming and Qing Dynasties."

SPAIN

Barcelona Museo Picasso (tel: 315.47.61). To April 19: "Pablo Picasso 1908-9." Watercolors, sculptures and drawings...

UNITED STATES

Houston Museum of Fine Arts (tel: 526.1361). To May 3: "Max Weber: The Cubist Decade, 1910-20."

BRITAIN

London Accademia Italiana (tel: 225.34.74). To June 21: "Rediscovering Pompeii." Two hundred objects excavated from the ruins of Pompeii...

GERMANY

Munich Museum of Applied Arts (tel: 531.33.21). To May 24: "Herman and His Workshop." Includes etchings by Rembrandt and paintings by the artist and his pupils.

NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam Die Nederlandse Opera (tel: 551.89.22). April 13: World premiere of Alfred Schnittke's "Life With an Idiot," conducted by Mstislav Rostropovich.

NORWAY

Oslo Munch Museum (tel: 673.774). To April 21: The major Munch retrospective that was previously in Paris.

POLAND

Warsaw National Museum in Warsaw (tel: 21.10.31). To May 31: "20th-Century Polish Art." About 200 paintings, prints, sculptures and installations...

ITALY

Naples Castel Sant'Elmo (tel: 552.33.28). To May 17: The paintings of 17th-century Spanish master Jose de Ribera, including several famous paintings of Christian martyrs.

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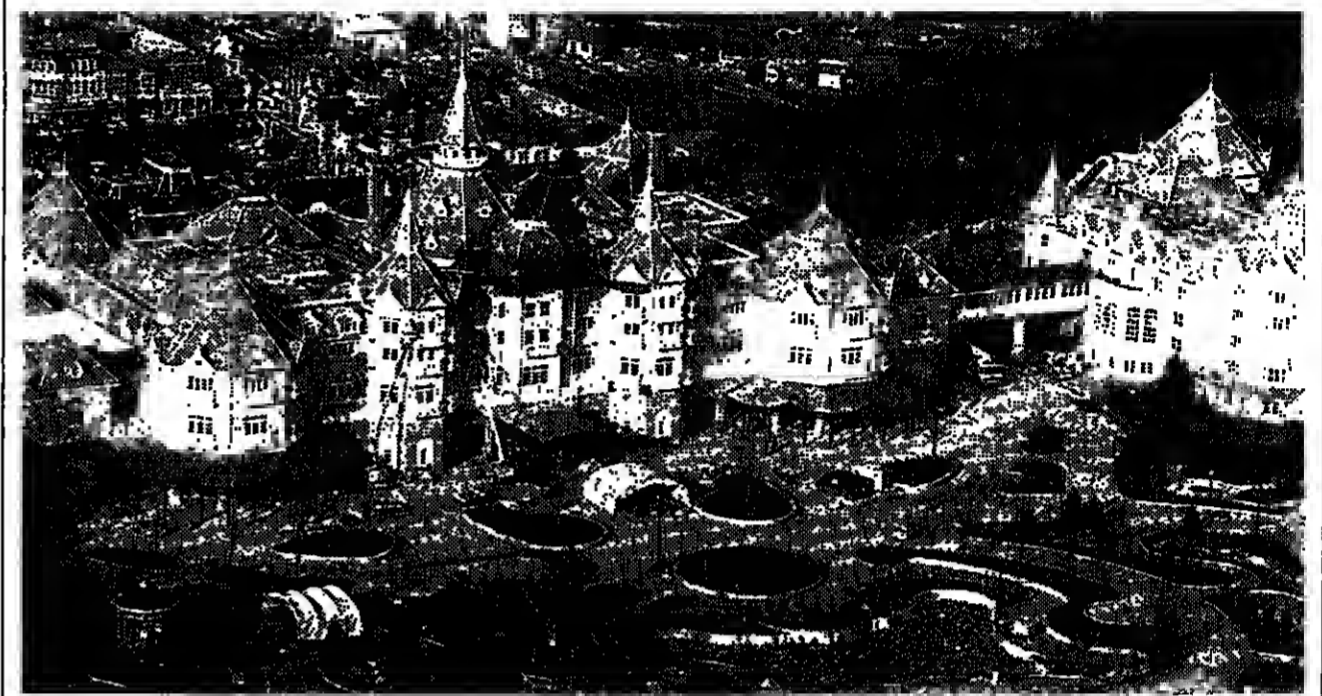
Washington Kennedy Center (tel: 857.0800). To May 10: "Tribute to Germany." A retrospective of 300 years of German art since the beginning of the 20th century.

Paris Bibliothèque Nationale (tel: 47.03.81.10). To May 31: "Les Lauréats de Lautrec." Two hundred and fifty-three prints and posters.

Paris Centre Georges Pompidou (tel: 42.77.12.33). To May 4: First major retrospective of the American architect Louis I. Kahn (1917-74). Also, more than 100 oil paintings, watercolors, inks and ceramics by Georges Rouault.

Paris Fondation Doane-Thiers (tel: 45.76.14.33). To April 24: "Le Corps Retrouvé," gouaches and pastels of nudes by Patrick Sheldy.

Paris Grand Palais (tel: 48.04.38.86 for ticket reservations). To June 1: "Toulouse-Lautrec." Seventy paintings and 100 drawings, lithographs and posters. Also to July 12: "The Vikings." Original artworks and objects, including church portals, tapestries and illuminated manuscripts.



Disneyland Hotel at the entrance to the Euro Disney theme park.

A Guide to Euro Disneyland

By Barbara Rosen

PARIS — Visions of Snow White dancing through your dreams? Kids clamoring to discover Discoveryland? Here's a bit of logistical assistance. OF GUIDANCE, PRINTED AND PERSONAL: "Le Guide," Disney Hachette Edition, retails for 60 francs (about \$11) and boasts 150 pages of prices, telephone numbers and other details.

1994-95. If driving, take the A4 highway in the direction of Metz-Nancy and follow the signs; it's 32 kilometers (20 miles) east of Paris. Parking a car costs 30 francs a day, a camper 50 francs. Parking a dog or cat costs 45 francs a day or 65 francs overnight, and they must be tattooed and have a vaccination certificate.

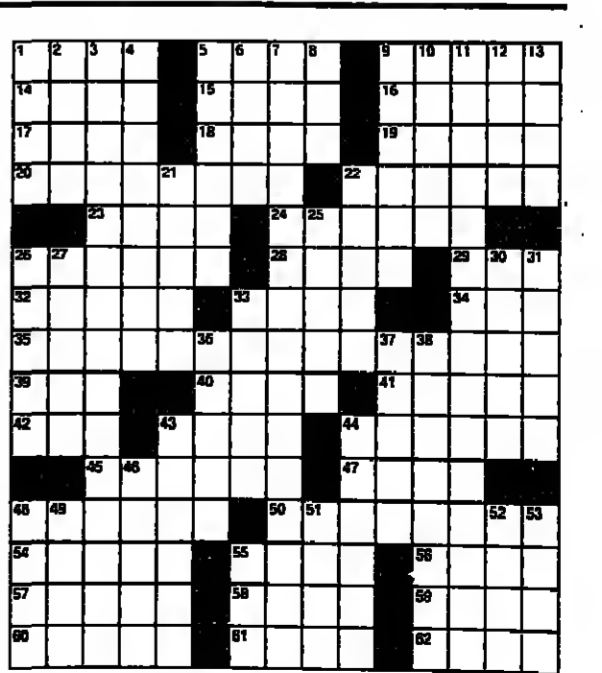
fees, which cover all the attractions except a coin-operated shooting stand, shops and restaurants, range from 225 francs (one day) to 565 francs (three days, not necessarily consecutive) for adults, and 150 francs to 375 francs for children. The "passports" can be purchased at the gate, in the Euro Disney hotels, by mail or by phone. 64.74.43.03. Groups of 50 or more can reserve for a specific date by calling the same number or by fax to 64.74.39.00.

OF ROUTES AND ROOSTING: For packages, check travel agents and tour companies. British Airways Holidays, for example, offers two- to four-night deals with flights between various British cities and Paris, buses between Charles de Gaulle airport and Euro Disney, on-site accommodation, and entrance to the Euro Disneyland Park. Their Disney number: (44) 0293-611911.

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MARKET DIARY

Dollar Falls Sharply On Fed Rate Action

NEW YORK — The dollar fell sharply Thursday after the U.S. Federal Reserve added cash to the money market in an unexpected operation that signaled a cut in its target on federal funds to 3.75 percent from 4.0 percent.

"There was no need to add funds today, so it looks like the Fed has actually cut interest rates," said Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International.

Foreign Exchange

The U.S. currency slipped to 1.4860 Swiss francs, from 1.4945, and to 5.4755 French francs, from 5.5125.

The British pound rose to \$1.7675 from \$1.7501.

In Europe, the dollar had gained ground ahead of the Fed action, which pulled it back slightly.

RATES: Credit Easing Boosts Dow

Minutes of the Feb. 4 and 5 meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, which were released last week, showed a disagreement between the anti-inflation hawks from the regional banks and two new administration appointees to the board.

N.Y. Stocks

The labor front, first-time jobless claims declined 24,000 during the week ending March 28, but this statistical series was basically unchanged despite a claim by Labor Secretary Lynn Martin that it showed the job market was improving.

It was the labor market, as evidenced by last Friday's weak employment figures, that economists believe was the decisive factor in the easing of the federal funds rate.

yen, up from 132.20 a day earlier. Traders said fears over the repatriation of funds by Japanese investors were still as strong as ever and further sharp declines in Tokyo stocks on Friday could well see the dollar test 132.00 and lower.

Analysts in Europe said the dollar/mark rate looked set for a downside test of 1.6180, and even 1.6080, following the apparent rate cut by the Fed.

"The move was right out of the blue and suggests the Fed is a lot more worried about the economy than any of us thought," said Adrian Cunningham, economic adviser at BankAmerica.

He noted that March sales figures had been major U.S. stock traders had been absent, showing that "the strong retail sales gains seen in January and February were just distortions."

Also in London, the dollar eoded at 1.5000 Swiss francs, up from 1.4920, and at 5.5450 French francs, up from 5.5150.

The pound eoded at \$1.7475 after \$1.7495. The currency was helped by a late wave of optimism in the market about the chances of a Conservative Party victory in the general election Thursday.

Analysts said that concern about sterling's position in the European Monetary System had lessened, with dealers taking the view that if the Tories won, the pound would climb on positive reaction, while if Labor won the pound would be safeguarded by central bank intervention.

AMEX Most Actives

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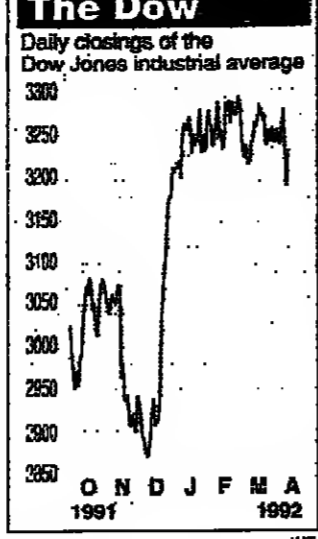
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Some U.S. Retailers See Slight Surge NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Many of the nation's largest retailers reported on Wednesday lower same-store sales during March, although some, such as the top retailer Wal-Mart Stores Inc., posted increases.

Analysts and investors believe sales from stores open at least a year — and also known as same-store or comparable store sales — provide a more accurate assessment of a retailer's performance than overall sales.

Analysts said, however, that comparisons between March 1992 and the like month of 1991 do not provide a good picture, because last year's figures included the Easter sales period. Easter fell on March 31 last year and is April 19 this year.

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CHIPS: Lean, Smart U.S. Firms (Continued from first finance page) producer of microprocessors, the central calculating chip in personal computers.

Its semiconductor sales have increased from \$1 billion in 1986 to about \$4 billion in 1991, a gain that alone is responsible for the U.S. market share being about 5 percent higher than it otherwise would be.

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Thursday's Closing
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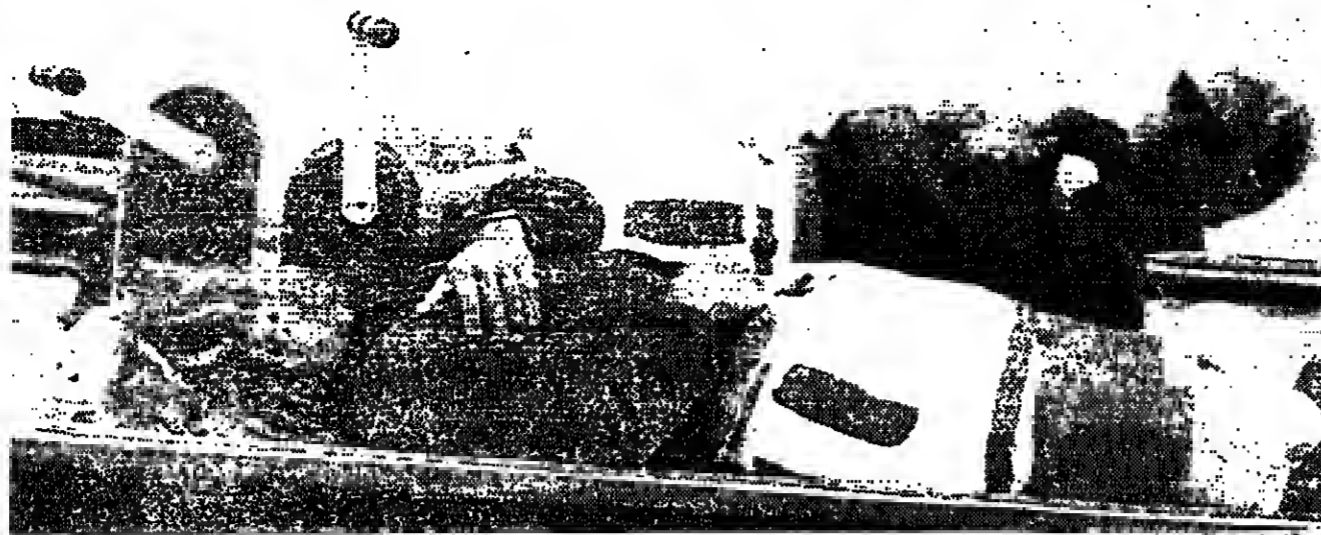
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SPORTS AMERICA'S CUP

Conner Loses 2d in a Row In Semifinals

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
 SAN DIEGO — America3, retooled below the water and behind the wheel, stole Dennis Conner's wind and defeated Stars & Stripes for its second straight loss in the America's Cup defender semifinals.

Sailing in shifting wind of 6 to 10 knots — conditions that Conner previously had mastered — America3 led at each turn on the eight-leg, 20.03-mile (32.3 kilometer) course and beat Stars & Stripes by 2 minutes, 8 seconds Wednesday in the eighth race of the defender semifinals.



Ville de Paris crewmen were down and out of the America's Cup after losing a race and a place in the challenger finals to New Zealand.

Conner must win Friday against America's stablemate, Kanza, or Saturday in his final match against America3 to be assured of reaching the final.

Kanza, which defeated Conner on Tuesday, continued to lead with five victories, followed by Stars & Stripes with four and America3, two. The two yachts with the most victories advance to the finals. America3 has three races remaining, including one against Kanza on Thursday.

Any chance for an all-European challenger final disappeared when New Zealand routed Ville de Paris by 3:30 to join Il Moro di Venezia of Italy in the finals. The French

boat needed two victories and two losses by New Zealand to keep its hopes alive.

"We feel very relieved," said Rod Davis, New Zealand's American-born skipper. "Today was a do-or-die race for us."

"We're a bit disappointed," said the French skipper, Marc Pajot, who sailed French Kiss into the 1986-87 challenger semifinals. "I know I want to come back to the America's Cup."

In the other challenger race, Nippon won for only the second time in its last eight races, beating Il Moro di Venezia by 1:53. Il Moro

earned a final berth on Tuesday and Nippon was eliminated.

Racing was delayed nearly two and a half hours until the wind settled in from the west.

America3, meanwhile, sailed with a new, lighter keel, a change made since the yacht's last race on Sunday.

The changes had been tested in wind tunnels and tanks, but not on the water. America3 was allowed to make the midseries change because the foundation had allowed Conner to scrap a disastrous tandem keel after Stars & Stripes lost the first three races of round two.

America3 also featured a beefed-up aftguard, and the foundation president and skipper, Bill Koch, stayed on shore. Koch, who has been criticized for not fixing a set aftguard, played musical chairs again and assigned front-liners to America3.

Buddy Melges, whom Koch called the best light-air skipper in the world, took the wheel. He was joined by helmsman Kimo Worthington, also noted by Koch to have better light-air skill, navigator Bill Campbell and tactician Dave Delenbaugh.

Campbell said the keel helped,

but wasn't sure how much of a difference it made.

"We weren't entirely unhappy with our speed with Dennis in this kind of breeze previous to the mode change," Campbell said. "In that regard, it's hard to say."

The challenger semifinals will wrap up on Thursday with a preview of the finals: New Zealand facing Italy. France and Japan will meet in the other race.

The best-of-13 defender finals begin April 18 and the best-of-9 challenger finals, the next day.

(AP, WP)

For Ashe, AIDS Is One More In a Long List of Challenges

By Michael Wilbon
 Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — I'd see Arthur Ashe in the press box at the U.S. Open, or Wimbledon, or here in the sports department of The Washington Post, and he looked thin. Awfully thin, really. But he'd always been slight of build even as a tennis champion. And considering he'd had one heart attack, followed by two by-pass operations, well, if he wasn't in the greatest of health then it had to be a heart thing, right?

I'd hear the speculation — you know what kind of speculation — and ignore it. Arthur Ashe was my childhood hero, the only man other than my father I wanted to be like. He's been my adult hero, too, even though I could never bring myself to tell him. Not Arthur Ashe, I'd think when I saw him looking so tired and thin. I'm not sure I'd ever met anybody more honest and ethical and compassionate and involved and committed to things in life that truly mattered. Not Arthur Ashe.

Yes, tragically, Arthur Ashe. Ashe, his wife, Jeanne, many doctors in the New York medical community and apparently some of the couple's closest friends have known for nearly four years what many of us feared: that Ashe had AIDS, passed to him from a contaminated blood transfusion following one of his two by-pass operations, most likely the one in 1983.

He had worried, with good reason, that "fear, caution and ignorance" about AIDS would conspire to make his life and that of his family more stressful than it already had to be, plus make it difficult to finish the work he currently feels strong enough to tackle.

It's been so long, and Ashe has taken on so many challenges — author, columnist, teacher, board member, philanthropist, activist — that it's easy to forget he won the NCAA title at UCLA in 1965, the inaugural U.S. Open in 1968, the Australian Open in 1970, and, of course, Wimbledon

in 1975. Arthur Ashe never became an ex-jock; he worked. Passionately, constantly. The tennis court is the place where he attracted our attention initially, but for him it was merely a launching pad. To improving education, to fighting apartheid.

I remember being aware of Arthur Ashe in the late '60s, but like a lot of other black teenagers, I was transfixed by him during the Wimbledon championships of 1975. There was no way, supposedly, he'd beat Jimmy Connors.

Every time I saw Ashe on television as a teenager I felt a sense of pride no other person outside my family ever elicited.

Ashe took stands. Hard stands, some of which were unpopular with other prominent blacks, like his going to South Africa and coming out in favor of ending athletic scholarships for low-achieving college freshmen.

In his 1981 autobiography "Off The Court," Ashe wrote: "I believe that I was destined to do more than hit tennis balls. The abrupt end of my tennis career only accelerated my search for another way I can make a contribution."

In recent years, largely because of those unpopular stands, there had been a quiet backlash. As we regressed into thinking black America had to be some homogeneous community where everybody did the same thing, I listened to the same music and played the same sports. Ashe was portrayed occasionally as some sort of quasi-elitist tennis snob. "A lot of people think of me as detached, aloof, cold," Ashe wrote. "I am detached somewhat, and maybe a little aloof, but I'm not cold. I have a lot of empathy for life in general, for the underdog, for people in embarrassing situations."

That was a sentence Arthur Ashe never should have been put in a position to have to write because perhaps no athlete in recent times has been as responsible, as astute, as involved in all that swirled about him.

"I have always tried to be true to myself, to pick those battles I felt were important," he wrote. "My ultimate responsibility is to myself."

And for that, some of us owe him a debt of gratitude that cannot be repaid.

Mediator Named to Break Impasse in NHL Strike

By Joe Lapointe
 New York Times Service

NEW YORK — In an effort to nudge both sides toward a solution that could unlock the impasse and salvage the National Hockey League season, a federal mediator has entered the strike picture.

But even he conceded that there was little he could accomplish if both sides continued to resist.

The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in Washington announced Wednesday that John Martin of the agency's Boston office had been assigned to intervene in the dispute that has resulted in a walkout by the players.

The strike began April 1 and threatens the Stanley Cup playoffs, as well as the long-term success of the game.

Martin was ordered by the agency's direc-

tor, Bernard E. DeLury, to contact the NHL Players Association executive director, Bob Goodenow, and the NHL president, John Ziegler. Late Wednesday, Martin said that he had spoken with lawyers for both sides, but not with Goodenow or Ziegler.

Goodenow said in a telephone interview from Toronto that he had heard about the appointment but, "I haven't seen anything on my desk today."

In a telephone interview from Boston, Martin said "we are reaching out" to both sides, but he conceded he didn't know what could be done.

"I don't know if this is the right time," he said. "Should the parties resist, there's nothing we can do to force them."

The mediation service has no power to enforce binding arbitration. Its services are

usually employed when two sides admit they can't come to an agreement. Martin said his agency decided to get involved on Tuesday when negotiations broke down and the union said the two sides were at an impasse.

The players rejected a proposal Tuesday from the negotiating committee that represents the owners. The day before, the league's board of governors refused to vote on a players' proposal.

Technically, the players had until 3 P.M. Thursday to accept or reject what management is calling its last package. But it was turned down unanimously on Tuesday by the players' negotiating committee and the player representatives for each of the 22 teams.

Among the major remaining issues are the distribution of revenues from trading-card

licensing, restrictions on free-agent mobility and the duration of the new collective bargaining agreement.

In Pittsburgh, Howard Baldwin, part-owner of the Penguins, said he would make public Thursday his team's current financial data in an apparent attempt to support the contention by management that hockey is losing money.

In Edmonton, Glen Sather, the president of the Oilers, said his team would play next season even if the roster was made up of Russians and minor leaguers, and ticket prices were slashed.

Although neither side has officially declared an end to the season, there is growing pessimism that the league's 75th anniversary season may end without a championship or champion.

OLYMPIA: Paris in the Age of Manet

By Otto Friedrich. Illustrated. 329 pages. \$28. HarperCollins Publishers, 10 East 53d Street, New York, New York 10022.

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

WHAT browser through books on modern painting has not been stumped upon first seeing a reproduction of Edouard Manet's "Olympia," the portrait of the ivory-colored nude with the dark-skinned attendant and the black cat at her feet?

Otto Friedrich is right to celebrate the fascination that "Olympia" exerts over its viewers. And he is right to point out what an added shock it is to visit the Musée d'Orsay in Paris and see the actual painting, the large size of which makes its subject seem overwhelmingly real, not a figurine but a woman.

It is the curiosity of Manet's painting that makes it so easy to tumble into Friedrich's new history, which begins with the author explaining how his wonder over this work of art inspired him to choose it as his handle for a book about Paris, the city that Walter Benjamin once called "the capital of the 19th century."

And one is hardly put off by the further subjects the painting provokes Friedrich to discuss, among them the identity

of the model Manet employed for "Olympia," one Victorine Meurent; how he met her and whether he slept with her; how he came to paint his first nude, which turned out to be the woman sitting with the two male picnickers called "Le Déjeuner sur l'herbe," and the story of that painting's rejection by the jurors of the official Salon of 1865, which led in part to a watershed in the development of avant-garde art.

Because this gossipy chain of historical associations never breaks, one makes one's way effortlessly through Friedrich's easygoing narrative.

The Empress Eugénie's accession to the seat of power she shared with Napoleon III; the story of how Flaubert came somewhat against his will to write "Madame Bovary"; the rise of the Impressionist school of painting, and the pattern of prostitution and venereal disease in the social fabric of 19th-century France: These are subjects that demand little exercise of one's historical imagination to be attracted to.

Moreover, there is a value in having such famous events as the rise of the Paris Commune or Emile Zola's creation of his character Nana fitted together into a coherent narrative.

And though I haven't gone back to his previous books, it seems to me that Friedrich writes with far greater zest and wit in "Olympia" than he did in his earlier books. The difficulty is that when you start reflecting on this book, you realize that the illusion of coherence that Fried-

rich creates with his narrative does not stand up to close analysis. What does it all add up to? What does Baron Haussmann's redesign of Paris really have to do with Flaubert's apparently reluctant creation of Emma Bovary? What was in the atmosphere that made Manet and his successors use the techniques they did to advance modern painting?

The fuzziness of Friedrich's approach is summed up by his discussion of "Olympia." He refers to the figure on the couch as "a goddess" overwhelming in "her beauty." One begs to differ. Beauty and desirability are in the eye of the beholder, of course, but the figure in "Olympia" has always struck this observer as strangely squat and pug-nacious.

Oddly enough, later in his book Friedrich seems to reverse himself and concede the manifestly anti-romantic intent of "Olympia," by pointing out how Manet based his nude on Titian's "Venus of Urbino" and Goya's "Naked Maia" with the idea of invoking Renaissance painting and modernizing it "almost to the point of parody." But by then this point only serves to muddy his discussion.

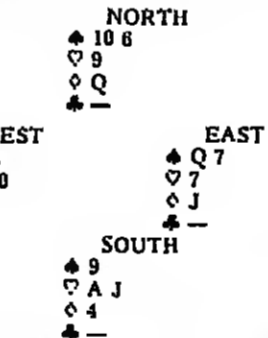
It is the problem with small of this entertaining but intellectually amorphous history. Or perhaps it would be fairer to put it the other way around, and sum up Friedrich's "Olympia" as an intellectually soft but highly entertaining work of popular history.

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

ON the diagrammed deal, the opening heart lead was won by dummy's queen and the top clubs were cashed. A club was surrendered to West, who shifted to a spade. South captured the jack with the ace and cashed dummy's two club winners. East had already given up two diamonds and gave up another diamond and a spade. The sequel proved this to be a subtle error, for after South cashed his A-K of diamonds the position was this:



When the diamond four was led to the queen West was in trouble. He could not spare a heart, and he could see that a discard of the spade eight would allow South to lead that suit for an endplay. He did the best he could by throwing the spade king, but South was ready for that. He led to the heart ace and played the spade nine, scoring dummy's ten at the finish.

Both sides were vulnerable. The bidding: South West North East 1.N.T. Pass 3.N.T. Pass Pass

West led the heart five.

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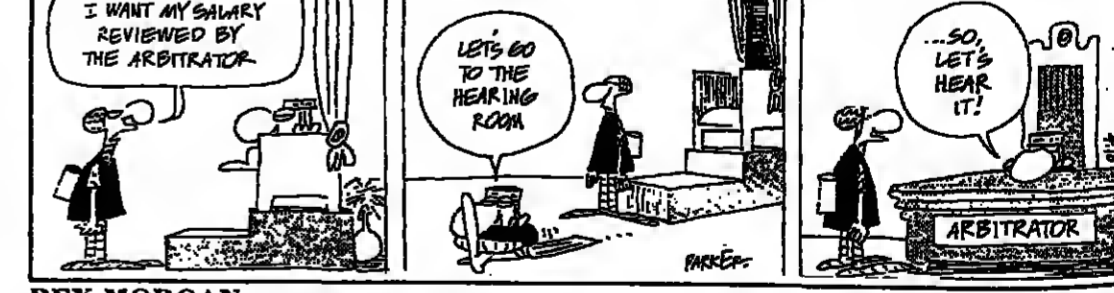
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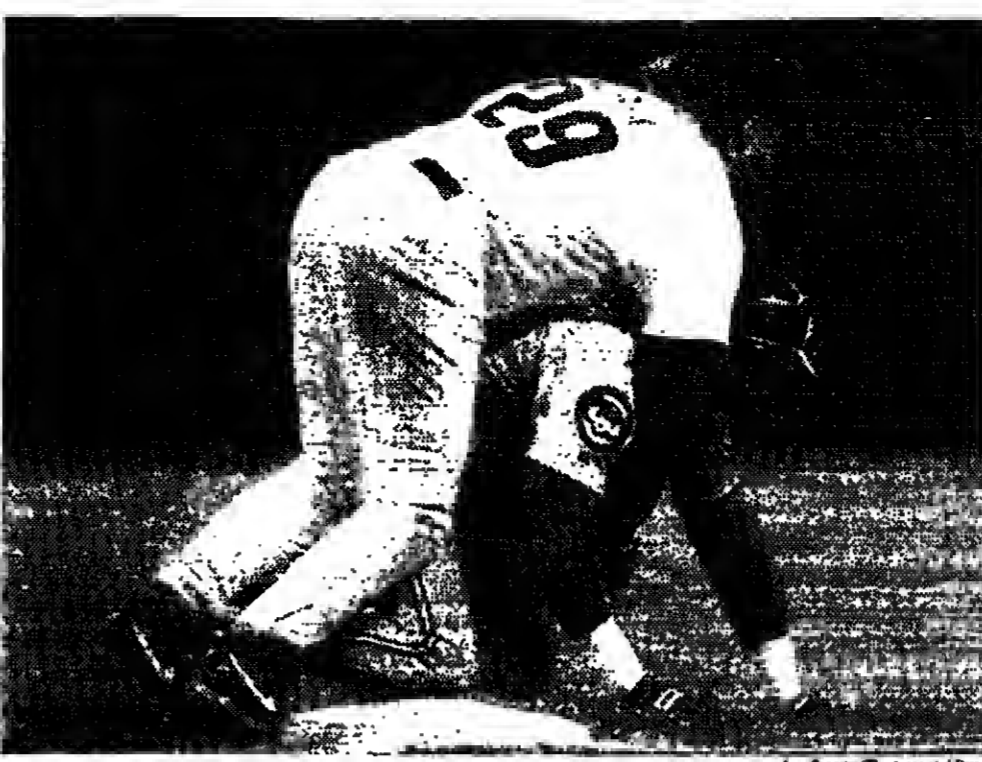
No Charges Against 3 Mets

Florida Authorities Announce Result of Rape Inquiry

PORT PIERCE, Florida.—No charges will be filed against three New York Mets accused of sexual battery by a New York City woman...

Florida authorities on Thursday announced they had cleared three Mets players of sexual battery charges...

Colton had declined to reveal whether he would file charges, but he had said he would not file a grand jury to decide whether to prosecute...



Sammy Sosa of the Cubs escaped the piggyback hold of the Phillies' John Kruk to reach base.

With Amaro in for Dykstra, Phillies Clobber Cubs

Ruben Amaro, filling in for the injured Lenny Dykstra, hit his first major league home run, had two doubles, scored three runs and drove in three as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Chicago Cubs, 11-3.

place after the other. I'm in shock." Dykstra is sidelined with a broken bone in his left forearm...

despite allowing Delino DeShields' inside-the-park homer to center in the second inning.

Braves 3, Astros 1: In Houston, John Smoltz gave up one run and five hits in eight-plus innings...

league debut for St. Louis. The production of Jordan, the starting strong safety for the Atlanta Falcons...

Brewers' Surhoff Hits Grand Slam To Beat Twins, 9-5

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches For B.J. Surhoff, beating an ace reliever like Minnesota's Rick Aguilera meant almost more than his grand slam.

on the left temple, was taken to a hospital for observation. Indians 4, Orioles 0: In Baltimore, Paul Sorrento hit the first homer at Baltimore's new ballpark...

AMERICAN LEAGUE The bottom of the ninth gave the Brewers a 9-5 victory over the Twins on Wednesday night in Milwaukee.

The Twins carried a 5-4 lead into the ninth and gave the ball to Aguilera, who had 42 saves last season and preserved the Twins' season-opening 4-2 victory on Monday.

White Sox 4, Angels 3: In Anaheim, California, Robin Ventura singled home Tim Raines in the eighth to lift the White Sox...

The Twins lost their left fielder, Shane Mack, when he was hit in the head by a pitch from reliever Mike Fetters in the sixth, one inning after the first five innings and pitched out of a bases-loaded threat in the sixth.



Gene Sarazen, the 1935 Masters champion, teeing off to open the 1992 tournament on Thursday.



Masters Debut of John Daly: It Must Be Heaven

By Leonard Shapiro Washington Post Service

AUGUSTA, Georgia — As John Daly walked down the first fairway at Augusta National Golf Club for the first time in his life, huge galleries leaned against the ropes to watch him launch his towering tee shots.

he played, shot him from obscurity to fame in four days, and to handle the attention, he's had to grow up in a hurry.

Other revelations have hurt John Daly too. Details of problems with alcohol in his early career as a struggling pro have been aired extensively.

"John basically is a generous, fun-loving guy who's 25 years old — people sometimes forget that," Mascarello said.

"I haven't seen him since he left. In fact, I was watching TV during the PGA and they were showing a guy named Daly, I saw him swing and I knew who it was immediately. It was the same boy, just a little bigger."

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Table with Eastern Conference and Western Conference Soccer Standings.

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Baseball transactions including player moves and contracts.

SIDELINES

Decision on Mariners Sale Is Delayed. ST. LOUIS, Missouri (Combined Dispatches) — No apparent snags developed in the proposed purchase of the Seattle Mariners by a Japanese-led group...

Sidelines

Laettner Receives Basketball Award. LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Christian Laettner, the Duke All-American, received the John R. Wooden Award on Wednesday, a prize that is presented annually to the nation's top basketball player.

For the Record

Pat Knight, the son of Coach Bob Knight, was dropped from the Indiana basketball team after being arrested on public intoxication and disorderly conduct charges.

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